

2291-2255BC

Sargon I's grandson
NARAM-SIN undertook
conquests from Elam in south-
west Iran to Syria, including
recently excavated city of Ebla

~~C2300BC~~

2290/2250 BC

23rd cen BC

The destruction of the city of ELBA
by NARAM-SIN. of AKKAD

Not all of the tablets. crushed
to the floor. Some still slid gently
down, still in order. The edge
of each tablet was marked with
its subject and number

(In 1975 archaeologists working at a site
in northern Syria called TEL MAR DIKH

discovered an archive of clay tablets jammed
together in a room of the palace they had
been stored in. Over 15,000 fragments were
found dating to 23rd Cen. B.C. When
deciphered it was found that the texts
formed the royal archives of the palace of
the ancient city of Elba. The palace
scripts were in cuneiform, the script
of Mesopotamia, using 2 different languages.
One was SUMERIAN, the most ancient
language of Mesopotamia and the other was
the tongue of ELBA itself called 'EBLAITE'